
3. (Amended) The multi axis fiber optic ribbon according to claim 2, wherein said
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central portion and said plurality of extensions are made from the same fiber optic ribbon
matrix material.

12. (Amended) A ribbon for optical fibers, comprising:
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a central core;
a plurality of extensions situated radially around said central core, each extension
having two ends, one end removably bonded to said central core, and the second end
extending outward from said core;
wherein at least one of said extensions contains one or more optical fibers.

13. (Amended) The multi axis fiber optic ribbon according to claim 12, wherein at
least one of said central core and said plurality of extensions are made from a fiber optic
ribbon matrix material, or an over-coated, dissimilar strength member.

14. (Amended) The multi axis fiber optic ribbon according to claim 13, wherein
said central core and said plurality of extensions are made from the same fiber optic
ribbon matrix material.

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23. (Amended) A fiber optic cable; comprising:
an outer jacket; and

a plurality of multi axis ribbons, said multi axis ribbons comprising:

a central core;

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a plurality of extensions situated radially around said central core, each extension having two ends, one end removably bonded to said central core, and the second end extending outward from said core;

wherein at least one of said extensions contains one or more optical fibers.

Please add the following new claims:

25. (New) The multi axis fiber optic ribbon according to claim 1, wherein said at

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least one extension is formed integrally with said central portion.

26. (New) The multi axis fiber optic ribbon according to claim 1, wherein said at

least one extension and said central portion is formed as a single unit.

27. (New) The multi axis fiber optic ribbon according to claim 13, wherein said at

least one extension is formed integrally with said central core.

28. (New) The multi axis fiber optic ribbon according to claim 13, wherein said at

least one extension and said central core is formed as a single unit.
